

York Area Pet Bird Club

September 2011

NEXT MEETING: September 20, 2011

Adams Elec. Co-Op @ 200 Trinity Rd. York PA 17408

Mission Statement: "YAPBC Dedicated to Teaching the Care, Sharing the Knowledge and Telling of the Love and Joy of Pet Birds"

President's Message

Hi Bird Lovers!

Let me start by saying I am sorry that I forgot about the club's birthday bash this past month. So at our September meeting, we will celebrate the club's birthday with cake and ice cream plus we will watch the movie "Rio." As in years past, we will also hold a raffle for items that you bring for the raffle table. Everyone who donates an item will receive a free raffle ticket.

On August 20th and 21st, "Pets-N-You" in Red Lion held their anniversary celebration. As part of that event, the YAPBC was on hand both days with our birds to inform the public about parrots and to promote the club. Once again, I was really disappointed with the support of our members during this event. Events for next year are in the planning stages, so if you want to know what is going on, mark the third Tuesday of the month on your calendar as club night.

As a club, we are working on moving our meetings to Sunday's instead of Tuesday evenings. Club members stated on previous occasions that they would prefer to have the meetings on a Sunday instead of during the work week. With this in mind, there is the possibility of the 4H center becoming our new home. This would also allow us to once again bring our birds to the meetings. For those who have been members for awhile, I'm sure you remember the fun we had in letting our birds interact with each other and their antics that kept us in stitches. Because a Sunday meeting was the request of our club members and the fact that membership is down, there would be a \$10.00 deposit required. Your \$10.00 would be refunded to you when you arrive at the meeting but if we don't have people sign up and pay, then there will be no Sunday meetings.

I would like everyone write something about themselves and their bird(s) and either read them at a meeting or send it to Gene to place in the newsletter. Also don't forget the photo contest and the white elephant sale coming up in October and our annual Christmas party in December. This year we will not be exchanging gifts with our sister club in Hawaii.

Read this month's newsletter very carefully as there are two words that were purposefully switched. The two words are in separate news items and you may have to do a little research to find the correct word that should be in the sentence. If you think you've found the two wrong words and know what the correct words should be, write them down and give them to me at the this month's meeting.

Your president,

Randy grove

www.yorkareapetbirdclub.com

YAPBC Minutes August 16, 2011

Minutes & Treasurer's report are accepted as presented.

Joan Russin is still taking orders for club t-shirts. No members have signed up for the bus trip to the zoo or the trip to Waggoners Gap, so both events have been canceled.

It was moved and seconded to retain the club website, which Dan Nelms has updated, Randy will get the correct cost amount for the website maintenance and let Joan know so she can send a check to Dan Nelms.

There is a sign up sheet on the back table for members interested in participating in the outreach at Pets-N-You taking place on August 20 & 21.

Randy apologized for missing the birthday bash, so that event will be held at the September meeting. That meeting will also include the showing of the film RIO.

Membership held an open discussion regarding whether or not we wanted to spend money for speakers at future meetings. Some members knew of vets that would speak for free to the club, so we will be trying to set dates for these speakers and hopefully will be able to spread them out over a several month period. If you have suggestions for future meetings, please email them to Randy.

There was a decision to discontinue the Christmas gift exchange with the club in Hawaii.

October meeting will be the photo contest and Birdie Bingo. November meeting will be the white elephant sale. December will be the annual Christmas party at Lyndon Diner.

For the 2012 season we will try to set up a Sunday meeting at the 4H center and we will be allowed to bring our birds. The target date is for a May 2012 meeting if the center is available – There will be a \$5.00 charge to sign up for that meeting, this \$5.00 will be returned at that meeting.

There is a Dr. Richard Greenwalt at the Dover Animal Hospital who is seeing birds.

Membership Raffle winners were Anne & Ken Wentz, who were not present, so the raffle prize amount continues to grow.

After the break for refreshments, acting Vice President Shirley Rentzel tested the bird knowledge of all members present regarding bird health in general. Some questions were common knowledge answers, but many other questions had us digging deeper into our memory banks to come up with the correct answers. This type of presentation is very valuable for members to increase their knowledge of cage bird husbandry. Every member who gave two correct answers received a bag of the new Zupreen pellet formulas flavored with vegetables or nuts. Thanks to Shirley for a very informative segment to our meeting.

There were 15 people present for this meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Barry B. Berlin, Secretary

Annual YAPBC Photo Contest

The categories are as follows:

- “Best Presentation” for matting, framing, background chosen, etc.
- “Caught in the Act” includes photos of birds bathing, preening, eating, etc.
- “Comedy Act” is for your best funny shot of a bird(s)
- “Sitting Pretty” is for posed portrait shots.
- “Group Picture” is for pictures that include more than one bird in the photo.
- “Best Cage Setup” is for a photo of your birds cage setup.
- “Wild Birds” is for photos of birds other than parrots.

Below are the rules for the contest:

- The picture must include all or part of a bird whether it’s a full body pose or a head shot. The bird in the photo may either be a pet or a wild bird.
- You do not need to own the bird but YOU must have taken the photo of the bird in order for the photo to be eligible for any awards.
- The photo may be black and white or color.
- There is no limit to the number of photos you may enter in the contest.
- No professional or computer enhanced photos are allowed. You may print your photos on your home computer but you can not alter the quality of the photo by using your computer enhancements.
- Photos can be no larger than 8" × 10" and if matted and framed, the picture cannot exceed 11" × 14".

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Bird Adoption Referrals

Gary White (717) 938-1522 and Shirley Rentzel (717) 246-7708 have agreed to try to find homes for unwanted birds. They both said they would not take homeless birds but would try to find them homes. They are trying to find an adoption group, stay tuned.

YAPBC Event Schedule

September (9/20/11) Birthday party and the moovie Rio

October (10/18/11) photo contest and Birdie Bingo

November (11/15/11) white elephant sale

December (12/4/11) Christmas party 5 to 7 pm Lyndon Diner

Refreshments Needed

Do you enjoy the refreshments that are served during the break? If so, why not volunteer to bring something good to share?

If you'd like to donate but are unsure what do bring, contact Shirley Remtzel (717) 246-7708 Thanks and see you at the next club meeting.

Veterinarians in the YABPC Area

The following is a list of vets whose services have been satisfactorily used by club members. Our membership is widely spread throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland and we hope this list will be of assistance to you, should your bird be in need of well-visit or emergency care.

Ani-Care Animal Hospital

Randon Feinsod, DVM
2740 S. Queen St.
Dallastown, PA 17313
(717)741-1320
Fax (717) 747-1462

Carlisle Small Animal Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Curt Barnett, DVM
Dr. Pamela Jennings, VMD
25 Shady Lane, Carlisle, PA 17013
(717) 243-2717
Hours: M - Thurs (9am - 7pm); Fri. (9am - 5pm);
Sat. (9 am - 12pm)

Community Animal Hospital

400 S. Pine St., York, PA 17403
(717) 845-5669
Hours: M - F (7am - 6:30pm); Sat. (8am - 2pm)

Dover Area Animal Hospital

Dr. Richard D. Greenwalt D.V.M.
5030 Carlisle RD.
Dover PA.17315
(717) 292-9669

Feather, Scales & Tails

Dr. Thomas Ryan, DVM-ABVP-Av.
Dr Heather Bowles, DVM ABVP Dipl. Avian
330 - 140 Village Rd., Fairground Village
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 876-2044
Hours: M - F (8am - 7pm); Sat. (8am - noon)

Fallston Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Donald Zantop, DVM ABVP Dipl. Avian
Dr. Beth Rodney, DVM
Dr. Vivian Ho, DVM
2615 Belair Rd., Fallston, MD 21047
(410) 877-1727
Hours: M - F (7am - 6:30pm); Sat. (7:30am - noon)

Smoketown Veterinary Hospital

Dr. John Hall, DVM
2497 Old Philadelphia Pike, Smoketown, PA 17576
(717) 394-5542
Hours: M - Th (7am - 8pm, Fri. 7am - 6pm); Sat.
(7am - noon)

Waynesboro Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Deanna M. Becker, DVM
29A Philadelphia Ave., Waynesboro, PA 17268
(717) 762-0221
Hours: M, T, Th, & Fri. (8am - 6pm); Wed. (8am -
6pm); Sat. (9am - noon)

Disclaimer:

The YAPBC does not promote or endorse any vet or business listed on this page. These listings are merely for your benefit in seeking medical care for your bird(s).

Bird Sitting

In your home by an
experienced, qualified, Certified Avian Specialist.
York & Harrisburg areas.
For details and rates call:
Gary L. White, Sr.
(717) 938-1522

Members Discounts

The following businesses offer a discount to YAPBC members. Present your membership card at time of purchase.

All About Pets - (717) 244-4099

2953 Cape Horn Rd., Red Lion PA 17356
10% off most store items

Birds of a Feather - (877) 406-2313

1514 E. Chocolate Ave. Hershey, PA 17033
10% off to YAPBC members

Feathered Fitness - (717) 792-4885

4085 W. Market St., York PA. 17404
www.featheredfitness.com
10 % off, Excluding birds
(orders must be received by phone or e-mail for discounts).

Graham's Parrot Toy Creations - (717) 424-2318

www.grahamsparrottoycreations.com
10 % discount to all bird club members
(orders must be received by phone or e-mail for discounts).

Pet Tails - (717) 285-2494

3695 Marietta Ave., Silver Springs, PA 17575
10% off bird items

Petco - (717) 699-2825

905 Loucks Rd., York, PA
10% off bird related merchandise, excluding birds

Pets N You (717)246-1981

673 Lombard Rd., Red Lion, PA. 17356
at Rout 24 in Cape Horn Square next to Weis
You have to fill out a card for them to put in their computer and then you will be able to receive a discount.

PJ'S Pet Shop - (717) 664-3446

109 Doe Run Rd., Manheim, PA. 17545
10% off bird items

Rentzel's Bird Farm - (717) 246-7708

2241 Craley Rd., Windsor, PA 17366
10% off excluding birds

TacoBird, Inc. - (301) 498-3543 or (301) 9227713

Cheshire Court Jessup, MD 20794
www.tacobird.com
10% off bird items

Village Pet Shop - (717) 637-1734

1150 Carlisle St., Hanover, PA
10% of

York Pet Supply - (717) 741-1751

Pauline Dr., York PA
10% off most store items
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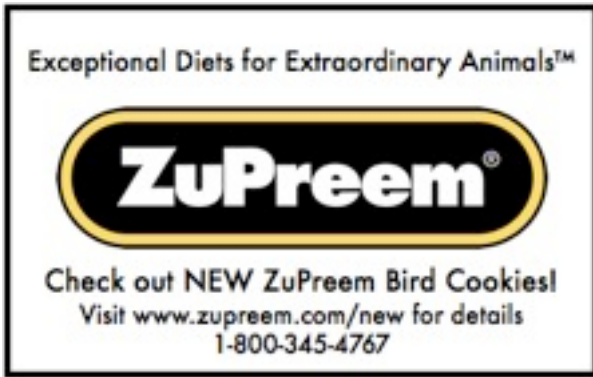
Consider These Factors Before Purchasing a Bird

By Don J. Harris,DVM

Purchasing a new bird is an act that requires much forethought and planning. Some potential bird owners research a new car purchase with far more diligence than they do a new pet. But, because some parrots live as long as 50-60+ years, impulse buying may have repercussions that last for decades-much longer than a new car. Here are a few aspects to consider when purchasing a bird.

- Does this particular bird fit your lifestyle? Does the species enjoy a busy and noisy environment with a lot of people interacting, or would it do better in a more quiet more isolated environment?
- If it is a large species, is there enough space in your home for a large cage?
- How much time can you devote to a pet? Does the species demand a lot of care and attention? Is it a "high maintenance" species that needs a lot of one-on-one interaction, or is it happy to be left alone for periods of time?
- Does this bird have the pet characteristics you want? If it is important to you that your bird talks, choose a species with high speaking ability, such as an African Grey, Amazon or Mynah. If cleanliness is important, check out a smaller species. If intelligence is important, you can't beat an African Grey.
- What is the average life span of this species? Life spans range from 10-60+ years, depending on the species. Do you want a bird that may outlive you? Where are you purchasing your new bird?
- Was it bred locally? Is the breeder available for questioning? Is the dealer in a fixed location where you can locate him or her should you need follow-up advice or if a problem arises?
- Is there a guarantee? Be suspicious of anyone who doesn't offer some assurance of the bird's health.
- What are the nutritional needs of this species? Certain species of birds have special nutritional needs. Can you meet them? What kind of diet is the bird currently eating? Is the bird already eating a balanced diet or will it need to be converted to a new more nutritious one? Older birds on seed diets can be difficult to convert, but may encounter health problems if not switched.
- Is the bird healthy? There is no way to answer this without a complete post-purchase veterinary exam. Schedule an exam with your avian veterinarian immediately after purchasing your new bird. Don't wait.
- Is your home ready for your new bird? Is the caging suitable? Is it situated in the correct location in the home? Are the perches arranged correctly? Are there toxic plants or substances harmful to birds in the household that may need to be removed? If your new bird is joining other birds in your family, do you have a plan on how to quarantine the new bird until you have a post-purchase veterinary exam?

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September 25, 2011: Medina, OH - Exotic Bird Fair Expo, Medina Fairgrounds 735 West Layfayette Road.
10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Adult Admission \$3.00 For more information contact Rus at (419)685-2412

Baltimore Bird Fanciers Annual Show and Mart

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall

2501 Putty Hill Avenue (corner of Old Harford Rd.)

Baltimore, MD 21234

General Admission - 12 and older \$5.00

Children 11 and under free when accompanied by a paying adult

Information: 410-239-1928 or 410-256-9326

Day of Event only: 410-668-9326

The event will offer: Judging of American Singers, Finches Lovebirds, Cockatiels and Hookbills

October 29, 2011 Chester County Bird Show and Mart at the School of Church Farm on Business
Route 30 in Exton,
PA from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Bird People

by Rose Agrusti

Did you ever wonder what non-bird people think about us or what they say behind our backs? Considering that there are more “dog and cat people” than “bird people”, we are definitely a minority in our society. There are many a times that I must restrain myself from blurting out all the things my birds did that weekend or what the bird club had just done in fear of getting that “look”. You know what “look” I’m talking about. It’s the one where the person looks at you with mouth hanging open and thinking how anyone could ever waste their time on something so silly. We’ve all experienced it with our coworkers, friends, and even families. Of course, anything else that you may say makes the look get more severe such as the eyebrows starting to raise and the eyes going into a squint as if to focus on some alien from outer space. So we pretend not to notice and go on with our business.

Would anyone notice that we are “bird people” if we kept our mouths shut and didn’t blab it all over? Do we wear or do anything that makes us noticed in a crowded room? (My family says that we stick out like a sore thumb.) Let’s really see...how many of these tell tale signs do you share with me?

- * Gotten all dressed up, gone to work, and someone questioned what the green and white dried blob is on your back.
- * Quickly brush feathers off the back of your pants before anyone notices.
- * Your children start asking if you love the birds more than them because you stop at the bird store more than Toys R Us. (This is where guilt starts setting in on your priorities and what makes you happy.)
- * You return from vacation and, willingly, pay exorbitant bird boarding fees that could equal another vacation. Yet, you have a fit when you see the dog kennel bill.
- * You quickly patch a wall or piece of furniture before the family notices that the bird chewed on it.
- * When at the supermarket, you pick out all the birds’ preferences first and then the family’s comes last.
- * On vacation you have to have that quick “bird fix” and visit all the birds in a pet store or zoo. (The real treat is if you are even allowed to handle them!)
- * You try to have conversations with your bird without people teasing you.
- * Your closet has, at least, seven bird related shirts in it and (if you are a woman) your jewelry box has several bird pins and earrings.
- * You travel to Bird Marts and Expos all over the surrounding area just to find that “special” toy or seed.
- * At work people refer to you as the “bird lady” or “bird man” while chuckling under their breath.
- * There is a stuffed Beanie Baby bird on your dashboard or in your backseat. (Maybe even hidden in the trunk for no one to see.)

* Last, but not least, when at the supermarket salad bar, you fill the whole container for your bird and put in all the exotic stuff that you don't feel like cutting up.

As you can see, we are a select few who possess a unique gift that we share within our bird communities.

Our bonds are strong and we continue to constantly recruit other bird owners who are outside our circle. They, too, become part of our "society".

At times our spouses and families have given us a hard time, but they too eventually come to realize the depths of fulfillment that our birds bring us. This is something that no one can ever take away. However, this should never be considered as competition for attention or love within the family circle. Instead, it is a gratification which we need completed within us.

Do You Know Your State Birds?

Only 20 of the states have a bird that is not shared with another state.

Alabama	Northern Flicker	Nebraska	Western Meadowlark
Alaska	Willow Ptarmigan	Nevada	Mountain Bluebird
Arizona	Cactus Wren	New Hampshire	Purple Finch
California	California Quail	New Jersey	American Goldfinch
Colorado	Lark Crow	New Mexico	Greater Roadrunner
Connecticut	American Robin	New York	Eastern Bluebird
Delaware	Blue Hen Chicken	North Carolina	Northern Cardinal
Florida	Northern Mockingbird	North Dakota	Western Meadowlark
Georgia	Brown Thrasher	Ohio	Northern Cardinal
Hawaii	NeNe Goose	Oklahoma	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Idaho	Mountain Bluebird	Oregon	Western Meadowlark
Illinois	Northern Cardinal	Pennsylvania	Ruffed Grouse
Indiana	Northern Cardinal	Rhode Island	Rhode Island Red
Iowa	American Goldfinch	South Carolina	Carolina Wren
Kansas	Western Meadowlark	South Dakota	Ringed neck Pheasant
Kentucky	Northern Cardinal	Tennessee	Northern Mockingbird
Louisiana	Brown Pelican	Texas	Northern Mockingbird
Maine	Black-Capped Chickadee	Utah	California Gull
Maryland	Baltimore Oriole	Vermont	Hermit Thrush
Massachusetts	Black-Capped Chickadee	Virginia	Northern Cardinal
Michigan	American Robin	Washington	American Goldfinch
Minnesota	Common Loon	West Virginia	Northern Cardinal
Mississippi	Northern Mockingbird	Wisconsin	American Robin
Missouri	Eastern Bluebird	Wyoming	Western Meadowlark
Montana	Western Meadowlark		

Experiments to Satisfy Your Curiosity about Birds

Naked Eggs: Here is an experiment to explore the structure of an egg. As we know, eggs contain calcium. But did you know that the calcium covers a matrix of protein fibers? To see these fibers for yourself, take a raw chicken egg and place it in a glass of vinegar. In a day or two, the calcium will have dissolved and you will be able to see the protein matrix. You can even handle the egg, which is now rubbery, without damaging the innards.

Wrinkled Eggs: Wrinkled eggs look strange, but are fun to make. You will follow the same basic procedure as with naked eggs, except you use a hard boiled chicken egg instead of a raw egg. First, boil an egg. Don't peel it. Place the egg in the cup and pour vinegar over it until the egg is completely submerged. Now leave the egg for about 3 days. Check on the egg to see if the shell has dissolved. Once the shell has dissolved, the egg will begin to wrinkle. Leave the emu egg go for another day or two if it hasn't wrinkled yet. It may take up to a week for the shell to dissolve and the egg to become wrinkled like a raisin. Once the egg has wrinkled, rinse with water and allow it to dry.

Want a real challenge? Try building a bird nest from scratch using twigs, straw, grass and anything a bird would use. It's not as easy as you think. As you're building your nest with your hands, remember that birds do this using nothing but their beaks. This is a great experiment for kids as it

Egg-Zperiment: Bird eggs are stronger than we think. Here is an experiment showing their sturdiness. Put on an apron and do it over a sink just in case. Remove any jewelry that you have on your dominant hand. Now place a raw egg into your palm and squeeze it as hard as you can. Most people cannot break the egg showing just how tough the shell really is.

Balancing Eggs: It is said that eggs can be balanced on their wide end. See how many eggs you can balance. Phil Spott holds the world record with having balanced 439 eggs at the same time.

Glowing Parrot: For those who have access to a source of ultraviolet light, place the ultraviolet light source near your parrot and turn out the lights. Your parrot will glow in the dark. Although all birds have feather pigments that give them their color, only parrots have a special yellow pigment that glows under ultraviolet light. The reasoning for this is unknown.



York Area Pet Bird Club 2010 Membership Form

Please send this form and a check
(made payable to YAPBC) to:

Joan Russin
4129 Greywood Drive
York, PA 17402



Date Rcvd: _____
Card Rcvd: _____
Entered: _____
Club Use Only

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Member(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Do you want your phone number kept unlisted?

Yes No

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have a computer, please list your E-mail address:

What type and how many birds do you own?

Do you breed any of your birds?

What activities would you like to see our club do?

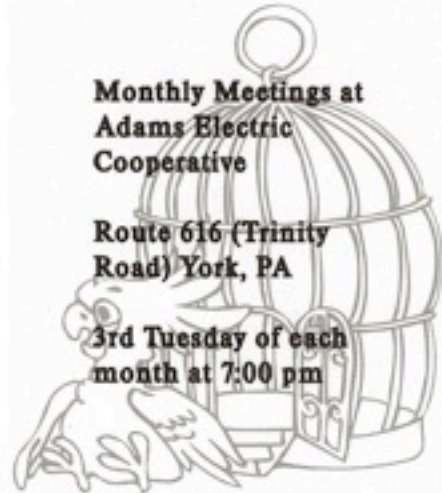
What information do you want or enjoy in the newsletters?

Additional Comments:


Monthly Meetings at
Adams Electric
Cooperative

Route 616 (Trinity
Road) York, PA

3rd Tuesday of each
month at 7:00 pm



Please circle one of the amounts
below:

All Previous Members
Membership Plan 

Regular Single \$15

Family (2 or more people) \$20



New Members Only Plan

	Jan., Feb., March	April, May, June	July, August, Sept.	Oct., Nov.
Regular Single	\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9
Family (2 or more people)	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14

York Area Pet Bird Club
Eugene Shue
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Dover, PA 17315

(Return Service Requested)

Meeting starts promptly at 7 pm in the meeting room of the
Adams Electric Co-op located on Rte 616 South off of Rte 30 West.
200 Trinity Rd.

Please be considerate and turn all cell phones off during the meeting.



**Adams Elec. Co-Op @ 200 Trinity Rd.
next meeting September 20
Birthday party**